Weekly Banner.

BY RANKIN & LEVIN.

FRIDAY, : : Jan. 31, 1878.

Cor. Land has been appoint ed penitentiary commissioner

It is again said that McMahon, the president of France, will retien.

MRS. Dr. MARY WALKER has been granted a pension of \$20 per month by the federal government.

THE senate has passed on Senator Maxey's bill appropriating \$40,000 for military post at El Paso.

to the Arlington estate, the jury is almost certain to go against the government. Theenry thousand European

emigrants are expected to arrive in this county within the pext few months.

MINISTER WASHBURN will visit Monterey, Saltillo and other cities in northern Mexico, for the benefit of his health.

THE troops at Fort Stockton, Texas, were paid off in gold on Saturday last. The last gold payment was made in 1861.

THE Waco Examiner thinks if all the bills proposed in the years to come.

The United States senate will have printed 30,000 copies of the special report of the department of agriculture on insects affecting cotton plants.

Gay, Roberts one of the a few days. penitentiary commission-The office is a paying one.

avs the opinion gains ground that the revision of our laws. will not be adopted this session.

The exports from the United tates now exceed imports by 1300,000,000 annually. This instrates the value of pening up new foreign market.

The Taylorsville Times is the a five-column patent inside,pubished at Taylorsville, Williamn county, by Minor H. Brown

The senate military commitchave reported favorably on nator Maxey's bill for the ourchase of additional ground tigious to the arsenal at San

A PARTY of tramps attemp ed to wreck a mail train near Vork, Pa. They then visited he station and abused the pasengers. 30 tramps were arres-THE legislative committee to

investigate the Huntsville penitentiary passed through Houston. They will also investigate the new penitentiary buildings at Rusk. J. D. McLEOD, colored, has

store keeper at Covington, Ky. He is the first negro who ever received an appointment of the kind in the State. It is claimed by a good many

papers that the pension bill lately passed by congress is a huge swindle and that at the lowest estimate \$30,000,000 will be taken from the treasury.

THE Round Rock Headbrit says the establishment of the whipping post will do more to relieve the state of her criminal costs than all other legislation possible on that subject. HAYARD TAYLOR'S first and to pay for the compress over

ten before he was twelve years of age. As a poet he was not a success; his fame rests exclusively on his prose writings.

The Columbus Citizen says considerable improvement is visfile in our city and real estate has advanced 15 to 20 per cent. Many old houses are being re- the Texas papers generally are paired and some new ones erec-

It is said that when the average school trustee receives his Francisco to New York. It commission, which is hand- consisted of an engine and six est tax payers. The \$10 fine somely printed on an elephant cars and was billed as six cars he is probably unable to pay sheet of paper, that he forwith of silk worms. There wasn't a and it will be necessary to keep the Houston Age was entered cause the legislature to pass a shment and the substitution proceeds to strut and in one or silk worm on the train, but there two instance, negro trustees was \$18,000,000 in gold bars hire him out as a county convict several dollars in silver. It is have been known to strut them- consigned to the banking house and let him run away. The law very indiscreet in a newspaper ficers should not be allowed to tween the two, many criminals sulves literally to death.

IT is suggested that the whiping post be so amended as to We would suggest an amendment giving wife beaters a double instead of a single

A HORRISTER affair has just octurned at Leary, Ga. The store of M. Whittlikins was burned, he was found laying near the front door, burned to a crisp, pistol in hand and skull crushed.

THE Denison News reports the death of Dr. McBride, the "king of pain" man. He died recently at Chicago of consumption. The doctor was a noted character and was well known throughout the State. In the case involving the title

GEN. SHERMAN and party arrived at Atlanta on the 20th. Several thousand persons gathered at the depot; they went tions 323. out of curiosity. There were no cheers nor signs of disapprobation. It was a quiet reception.

Over fifty clergymen have een found guilty of crimes in the United States in the last year. Such is an item that is now going the rounds. Clergymen after all are human; there are black sheep in every flock.

A WASHINGTON special to the News says Judge Reagan in the lemocratic caucus spoke strongly of making a direct issue with legislature pass, we will need the money power and corporano more laws for a hundred tions, and also for reduction of the tariff. His speech was ap-

MARSHAL Jack Wharton, of New Orleans, continues making arrests in various parishes of parties against whom true bills have been found by the United Ou. W. W. LANG chief of States grand jury. One hunhe grangers, is to be appointed | dred prisoners are expected in

THE Victoria Advocate re marks that Col. Oppenheimer, An Austin special to the News like the Duke of Buckingham, is still in the field. The meaning of all this is that the colonel made at a cost of about \$13,000 is a live business man who knows exactly how to advertise and does it.

> THE New York Sun says the body of A. T. Stewart has been recovered. The sum of \$50,-000 was paid cash on delivery, and in accordance with agreement entered into beforehand, story may or may not be true.

> THE teller committee has oncluded its investigation at Charleston. Colored democrats testified to the existence of a large number of democrats of their race in Charleston and to assaults made upon them by their own people.

THE bill reported for the suppression of tramps is almost identical with the law of New Hampshire. In that state it has been found very effective. The tramp nuisance is one which should be abolished and the proposed bill, it is said, will effectually accomplish the purpose.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., as an incor porated city, has ceased to exst. The legislature has passed a bill repealing the charter of the city and remanding it to the een appointed government territory of Tennessee. Alocal government and taxation are provided for

ADVERTISING in Houston is : weet business. A grocer had a lot of honey on hand that was not going off readily. He advertised the honey in the Telegram and sold 25 pails the first day the ad appeared. He now believes in advertising.

THE Buffalo compress at Houston is a paying institution. It was crected a year ago at a cost of \$20,000. It is estimated that by the 1st of February it will have made money enough most celebrated poem was writ- and above the expenses of running it.

> THE Austin Statesman curtly SAVSC

The Texas papers generally are making very tart comments on the tragedy that occurred here under the very shadow of the Capitol last week. It occurs to the BANNER that

correct in this respect.

A FEW days ago a special of the Rothschilds

WE have had nearly one. A STEAMER has just arrived at month of resumption, but, says New York from Brazil bringing apply exclusively to wife beat- the Dallas Herald, money is just 100 destitute American citizens as hard to get hold of as ever, from Para. They had come Wonder if the Herald man ex- down the Amazon from where pected to find money growing Collin on the trees or to pick it up, the streets?

> Ir is much more di the Pleasanton Jon vict a man of cris than it is for a the kingdom do not like to: fact stares us so

face that we are compelled to.

On December 31, 1878 there was on hand 1738 convicts be-Of these there was employed on railroads 182; wood chopping 299; saw mill 18; sugar and cotton plantations 916, and within the walls in various occupa-

Pigeon catching in the Territory proved rather disastrous. It seems that four Indians went to a pigeon roost near Atoka; one climbed a tree to slay the birds with a stick; the limb upon which he was, broke, he fell falling on two others. One was feet July 1, 1879. killed and the other two badly hurt.

Say Avroyto must certainly be a poor town for office seek ers. The position of market master with a salary of \$115 per month was vacant and only eight men mustered up courage enough to apply for it. If the office-seekers had done their duty there would have been at least eight hundred applications,

THE State Teachers' conven tion met at Austin on Tuesday. About fifty delegates were pres ent. A permanent organization of W. C. Crane, president, lows: W. C. Rote and others vice presidents. Various commitees were appointed. Much good is expected from this

THE San Antonio Express thus delicately alludes to the umerous bills which have been

stroduced in the legislature: The state will be able to turn uite a pretty penny and do coniderable towards relieving the overburdened taxpayers by sellhave been introduced the present session, and which will nev er be heard of again.

In Missouri no license is required for getting married. The consequence has been that all the run-away couples from Illinois go over to Missouri and get married by justices of the peace and ministers. A St. Louis minister who married a a couple when the lady was under age was fined \$200 by the courts and now all the ministers want a licence law so as to be relieved of any responsibility.

JAMES H. BRITTON, Barton Bates and E. P. Curtis, prominent citizens of St. Louis, have been indicted by the United States grand jury on charges of crookedness in connection with the National Bank of the State of Mo., which "busted" about two years ago. Britton was president of the bank, Bates a director and Curtis the cashier. Among other things it is charged that they made false statements regarding the condition of the bank

THE Austin Statesman complains that persons go to the news stands and buying a paper for a nickle hang around and read half a dozen other papers. There is a great deal of human nature about man, and the person who borrows, begs or steals his neighbor's paper is generally the man who complains that there is nothing in it or that it is of no account. He proves his assertions by always hunting it up, reading it and never paying for it.

In Lampasas Ira Johnson.colored, stole a pocket knife, worth perhaps six-bits. He was arrested and tried in the county court. His punishment was assessed at one day's imprisonment in the county jail and a fine of \$10. His trial and conviction probably cost the county \$25, and in addition to this he may have been confined in through train was sent from San | jail for several months at an expense of 40 cents a day to honhim in fail another month or

have been buildby the next a general avbad place

der a man is the direct to giory. The Coleman elegram thinks his is one of the incentives to murder. With this object in view it suggests that the legislature piess a law to prevent convicted murderers from always and invariably prolonging to the state penitentiary. fessing religion and going straight to heaven from the gal-

> THE bill to restrict the immiration of Chinese passed the house by a vote of 155 to 72 It makes it a misdemeanor pun ishable by fine and imprisonment for the master of any vessel to take on board at Chinese or any foreign port, more than fifteen Chinese passengers with intent to bring them to the United States. The act takes ef-

A PORTRAIT of Davy Crockett has been painted by a New York artist and sent to the capitol at Austin. A correspondent of the San Antonio Express says it does not bear any resemblance to the original, and were the complexion of a different color it would readily pass for a "big injun." The picture was painted on speculation and sent to Austin tor sale.

THE ROAD LAW is fearfully and onderfully made. The Columbus Citizen man isn't 45. He and his comps have been ordertion was effected by the elec- ed out. He soliloquizes as fol-

* * Printers make excellent road workers, speaking in a Pickwickian sense. By the way, why is it the law forces municipal citizens to work the road in the country and the streets in town? Is there any "uniform taxation" about this?

THE Denison News tells of a brutal and bloody murder committed in the beautiful Indian Territory on the Canadian river. A man and woman, Indians, living as old paper the bills that ed in a cabin on the river some 25 miles from the M., K. & T. railroad. A man who rode up to the house found the body of the woman sitting in an old rocking-chair, minus her head. The head had been chopped off with an axe and out in a wash

> THE Fairfield Recorder learns to Alabama and Georgia to get hands that both states have passed laws requiring every person who solicits people to emigrate to pay a license of \$100 in each county they solicit in. The consequence was they met with poor success. One succeeded in getting several white families in Alabama: the other went to South Carolina and brought on a lot of colored peo-

THE San Antonio Express save Gov Roberts could afford considerable relief to the excited minds of a considerable number of people in Western Texas by issuing his proclamation ordering a special election to fill the vacant seat in congress. A great many reputable gentleman have their eyes turned toward the national capital and much valuable time would be saved by a speedy election. A good many are to be disappointed and the sooner they know their fate the better it will be for all concerned.

A Waco Telephone reporter has just paid a visit to the Waco cotton factory. He found it in full blast and the machinery working smoothly. Two thousand spindles are now in operation and twenty-two hands find constant employment within its walls. At present work is confined exclusively to the manufacture of seamless bags and about 900 are turned out daily. If the bags weigh one pound each, over two bales of cotton are consumed daily. Waco's cotton mill is certainly a big thing for that city. Brenham should have one or more cotton lactories; we have an abundant supply of cotton and everything needed to make

- The room of an attache of the other night and relieved of in this respect is very defective. man to have any money.

A FALSE MOTTO-

"Retrenchment and reform" is the watch word in both ery member, it is said, is anxious to secure a record of this kind to parade before his constituregard this a favorable omen; but we do not. Experience has shown that such legislatures have invariably proved failures.

It is said that never before was there before such a scramble for office; there were no less | heavy discount and must inevithan nine candidates for chap- tably continue to be so until it lain. Nearly every one of them ! is made receivable for taxes, or had friends who made speeches there is money in the treasury in behalf of their favorite. It to pay it. As long as scrip is is estimated that the house spent depreciated the county will be \$400 of the public money in compelled to pay from 25 to 33 the election of a chaplain whose per cent, more for all her pursalary is \$5 per day. The legislature has now been

n session two weeks, and nothing of any importance has been done; there has been no legislation of any public importance. tain the value of the articles Nearly every member has a pet hobby supplemented by a bill of some kind. The list of bills presented, named simply by their caption, already makes a formidable showing. It is bare- all be redeemed in less than a ly probable that one-tenth of year, after which time, if not them will ever become laws. In issued too freely it would be the meanwhile public business is neglected and the time of the committees is spent in useless labor. It is to be hoped that in a few days all the members will have succeeded in introducing published no one can know extheir various schemes, and that actly what condition the county the actual work of the session will begin in earnest.

Retrenchment and reform is very good motto, but there is such a thing as saving at the spigot while the bung is leaking. Simply cutting down a few salaries and perhaps impairing the efficiency of the service rendered is neither retrenchment nor reform, but accomplishes just the opposite of what is perhaps honestly intended as a move in the right direction. In some instances no doubt the salaries and fees of officers are extrav-

agant and should be curtailed Salarios vs. Fors The bill to abolish fees of the offices of district and county clerks, assessors, collectors, treasures and sheriffs and substitute regular salaries will no doubt receive the approbation in the BANNER at the time. Havof a vast majority of the people. The office of collector in the wealthy counties of Texas is in est in it began to wane. There many cases almost a sinecure. were a few books and a consid-The fees range from \$4000 to high as \$12,000 or \$15,000. Such pay is enormous and enfrom two gentlemen who went tirely out of keeping with the larly kept open of evenings, present hard times. The fees of clerks, assessors and treasurers are in many of the counties unduly large and out of proportion to the service rendered. In this connection it may not be amiss to note the salaries paid United States officers. First-class postmasters get but \$4,000 per year; these include offices like those of New York, Boston and all the principle cities in the country. At this salary there appears to be no difficulty in securing fiast-class talent. In St. Louis, Mo., under the fee system the fees of the clerk of the circuit court amounted to \$20,000 a year; those of the recorder of deeds to some \$12,000 or \$15,-

000; the legislature of that state

some years ago found that these

officers had two big a thing and

passed a law abolishing the fees

of office and substituting a stip-

ulated salary, all fees over and

above the salary to go to the

state and county. This system

has been found to work well.

and there is no reason why it

should not do equally well in

Texas. The proposed bill al-

lows the county courts to fix the

salaries of the offices, but limits

tion there can be no doubt but

what all the officers would be

well paid for their services, but

they could not become bloated

THE shooting and killing of

the sheriff of Palo Pinto county

at Austin on the 23d inst. is

away from home on civil busi-

public library. Gov. Roberts has sent a mesthe amount. Under this regulabondholders in a very few

ness, yet both men were armed in defiance of the law they had sworn to support. This case alone should be sufficient to most stringent law against the carrying of deadly weapons. Of- for life at hard labor. As becarry arms unless on active duty would prefer hanging,

COUNTY SCRIP. At present, county scrip is slow sale at 75 to 80 cents on nouses of the legislature. Ev- the dollar, and strange as it may seem the learned county commissioners of the old court made an order allowing the ents. Many of our readers, county collector to receive but says the Marshal Herald, will twenty-five per cent, of the county ad valorum taxes in scrip. As there is no money in the treasury with which to redeem it, and it is only receivable for taxes in limited amounts, as a matter of course it is at a chases and contracts in order to equalize the price. In other words parties furnishing the county anything are compelled to overcharge in order to ob-

furnished or labor done. County collector Harvin in forms the BANNER that, in his opinion, if scrip was receivable for all the county tax it could worth dollar for dollar. The county commissioners have not published a statement of the county finances since last year, and until a full statement is is in financially. The statement should be full and complete. showing the amount expended for jurors, keeping prisoners, lunatics and paupers and the amount of scrip issued for the support of paupers out of the jail together with other items of general interest to the tax payers who like to know what becomes of their money.

Reading Room. The Bryan Pilot contain a long communication setting forth the necessity of a public library. The probability is that a majority of the people fully agree with the writer and this is the end of the matter. About eighteen months ago Brenham took the public library fever and went so far as to establish a reading room; it was duly opened and appropriately written up ing succeeded in establishing a public reading room the interable number of superannuated newspapers and old magazines; the room was regufor several months, but for some reason readers did not come and after awhile the public reading room was closed and is now well nigh forgotten. Its failure is not due to want of enterprise on the part of the founders, but to the apathy of the people themselves: the boys and young men for whose benefit it was chiefly intended found more pleasure and a more congenial occupation in loafing on the street corners or in playing billiards, pool and pigeon-hole, than in reading, unless they got hold of a police gazette or some "moral" book of a similar character. The real trouble is in the education of the boys. We do not despair of yet having a

sage to the legislature in which he presents in a forcible manner the present condition of the State's finances. The outlook is by no means favorable: only by the most rigid economy can the revenues be made to meet the expenses; he does not propose to increase taxation, but to reduce expenses. The penitentiary at Rusk is finished but can not be used without being put in order. It may be let out to lessees without additional expense. Present requirements, including legislative expenses. cannot be promptly met unless some way of accelerating payment of taxes is provided. He announces a deficiency of \$300,-000 and recommends that the school lands be sold in tracts of much commented upon by the 640 acres by an agent of his press of the state. Both men own appointing, for school purwere peace officers and were poses and that the school tax raised on property be devoted to general expenses. A BILL has been introduced

in the Pennsylvania legislature for the abolition of capital puntherefor of solitary confinement Legislative-

Senate, Jan. 27. - A number of committee reports were re-

Favorably on bill to change jurisdiction of county courts and conform jurisdiction of district courts to such change. Favorably on bill to suppress

Recommended that bill to egulate fees of collectors be re-

erred to finance committee. Message from the house an nouncing passage of a bill to defray contingent expenses of sixteenth legislature.

Recommending passage of bill to authorize special tax in counties where it may be necessary to construct courthouses

Joint committee recommended to investigate the asylums. A number of bills and resoutions were referred

House-Among the bills and resolutions offered are:

By Mr. Guy: Amending the ence law. By Mr. Sledge: Radically

changing the road law. By Mr. Polly, (of Wilson) To require elections for district attorneys for every judicial dis-

The usual routine busines was gone through with. Senate. Ian. 28.-The gov-

ernor in a message recommends a supreme court of nine judges; that district attorneys be appointed by the governor and that county courts be divested of all business except probate,

The proper committees reported resolution providing for printing 100 copies of the act regulating railroads.

Resolution that committee on military affairs report a bill substituting a smaller force for the frontier battallion.

Message from the governor ominating T. J. Goree for superintendent of the penitentiary. Bill to secure railway employes their pay, etc., passed under suspension of the rules.

Mr. Terrell, by consent, off ered the memorial of Durant and Merrick asking relief as counsel for the state in the bond House.-The question of em-

ploying four committee clerks was discussed for an hour and half when the resolution was 40 horses to replace those kill-

adopted. Mr. Estes: to repeal the law

branching the supreme court. Mr. Gaither: to recognize barbed wire fences as lawful. Mr. Sledge: providing a court to try criminal cases in each county to remain open all the

By Smith, of Harris: To constiente offices of assessors, collectors, sheriffs, treasurers, and county and district clerks salaried offices, the county courts to fix salaries and placing limits. Further time was asked to

consider a bill regulating rail-The yellow fever joint resolu-

tion of Mr. Bryan has passed both houses. Senate, Jan. 29 .- The committee reported favorably on bill authorizing county judges

to solemnize marriages. Favorably on bill allowing counties to levy a tax for buildng courthouses and jails. Favorably on bill to provide

for appropriation of public land to build a new state-house. Reported substitute for bill to

make bail bonds liens on real estate of securites on bonds. By Mr. Stewart: Bill to provide for disposal of public free

school lands, and to secure proceeds for benefit of said schools. The question whether 300 or 1000 copies of the governors message be printed was discussed, consuming time enough to have paid for several thousand. It was finally agreed that 1000

House .- Petition asking for exemption of feed and livery stables from occupation tax. By Mr. Gaither: Petition with bill. The petition comes from the state grange; the bill appropriates \$20,000 to provide for instruction in agricultural and me-

chanical sciences at Bryan college. Unfavorable reports were made on a number of bills, among them the amendment to law regulating carrying of concealed weapons. Favorably or bill to require service of courts published in county papers, and bill permitting parties in crimi nal cases to testify in their cases.

Committee on roads and bridges, reported adversely or bill amending road law. Bill repealing the dog tax

Bill amending law so as t strike out exemption from taxation of notes given for lands STATE NEWS.

- The Dago band is Round Rock. - In Williamson county

wheat and oats are looking - Colorado county planters are busy getting ready for the

- Pneumonia of a malignant type is prevalent in portions of

Polk county. - Andrew Vincent committed suicide in San Antonio by shooting himself.

next crop.

- Bremond's narrow guage railroad is now creating a great stir in Polk county. -A colored citizen of Deni-

son is known as the proprietor of the "fackass team." - Mike Coen, a railroader

was run oven and killed in the Central yards at Dallas. -A Columbus tobacconist advertises the celebrated "Humbug" cigar. Perhaps the ad, is

truthful - Peterson's store at Coke. McLennan county, was burglarized and robbed, on the 24th of

\$200 worth of goods. - A young man named Hallaman was found murdered at Seguin. His skull had been

fractured with a pick handle. - Judge L. W. Moore is expected in Bellville sometime during the present week to hear the Scurry Foster habeas cor-

- Livingston, Polk county is soon to be a city. Bremond's narrow gauge railway and the Polk county Banner is to bring

about this result. - In Llano county everybody is "busted" or very "hard up" and no relief is promised unless the mines turn out something before long.

thief from Williamson county has just been captured by a deputy sheriff of Williamson in Fort Bend county. - A man named John Lary,

- A fifteen-year old horse

farmer living near Hallville was asssassinated a few days ago. He was shot in the breast with a shotgun and instantly killed.

- A Kansas City stock dealer has arrived at Denison with ed by the smash-The horses will be shipped to

- Williamsburg, Throckmorton county, is a new town situated about 100 miles west of Fort Worth. It is at present a "paper" town existing chiefly on a nagnificent plat.

- The mayor of Belton taxes the doughty warriors, who fight under the banner of king Alcohol, the sum of \$5 and the trimmings for uttering the battle cry or yelping.

- Gambling in Round Rock is now about suppressed and if done at all, it is done on the sly. The mayor had a lot of "the boys" up and they have been very shy since. -The Richmond Fow Conn-

ties says there is signs of day

breaking in Fort Bend county.

Lands are being sought after and immigrants are beginning to come into the county. - A Scotch colony has been started in Atascosa county. Several Sctochmen have bought land and propose going exten-

and manufacture of cheese. - Dr. Wm, Perry, who praeticed medicine in Texas when the Indians were roaming over Freestone county, died at his home in that county on the 14th inst. He was nearly 100 years

sively into the dairy business

- In Dallas a wheat wagon was driven by a booby. The booby allowed his wagon to collide with a doctor's buggy; the buggy was much damaged and the doctor was spilled on the

- Bell county's county court has purchased the Bob Turner farm, in Tennessee Valley, to be used as a poor farm; the price way. paid was \$1450. Part of the land has been rented out at \$4 per acre, cash.

-They had a breeze at Lockhart, Caldwell county, on Sunday last. Thirty-nine buildings were blown down and damaged. The Houston house and Presbyterian church were completely blown down; the court house Masonic hall and Methodist church were badly damaged. A. child of Mr. Woodruff's was kif- confession stating that he had

the burning of the Wa once at Huntsville to a

escaped or ex-convict who disciplined by the stocks lash, or some other severe punish-

- In the Ochiltree-Jordan case at Galveston, Major The as P. Ochiltree appeared in court and took the oath that he was an indigent person. By bond for costs.

- A typographical tour vulgarly called a tramp printer arrived in Waco and was treated to a "snipe hunt" by the Examiner boys. It is said to be an open question as to who was

- At Columbia, on Wedne day, a small boy named Dodd got hold of the old pistol; he was playing with another small boy; the pistol went off. Next day there was a funeralsmall boy was the corpse.

- There is much complain of crookedness in cotton buying in Waco. It appears that there are Cotton sharks who make a ousiness of buying from farmer and who swindle them in weight

calculation or classification - Belton Journal: Mr. Mc Farland, who lives in Birdsda in this county, was returning home on Thursday evening when, about an hour after dark he was met in a lane by thre men who robbed him of \$22

n greenbacks - Mrs. Lucy Varner 98, lives in Polk county. s hale, hearty, and active. s able to spin her six cuts a dia Mrs. V. draws a pension fro the government, and is said to

have learned how to read aff she was 60 years of age. - William Hardin and Pickens plead guilty to the n the district court at Ri mond and were senten wo years each in the new tiary. Both are quite vin men and are said to be charg

with offenses in a numb other counties - Everybody in Burnet y is said to have railroad on he brain, and the man who don't believe that a onerow guage road will be rural side of a year, is looke

of the Mason News-Ites - The Victoria Ada more people die from bad cookng and carelessness in diet than from any other cause" writer must have been si from an over dose of extra heavy

biscuits and larded beefster - Burglars visited Bellplain Grayson county, and entering a house by the window carrier off a gold watch, \$25 in money a lot of "pullikins," false testiand dentists material. They then visited a house where wedding had been going on and stole the remainder of the wed

ding cake. umber of citizens of Bell coun ty have entered into a compact to see that all evil-doors men their just deserts at the hands of the law. Rowdyism will be suppressed. One gentleman, in giving information to the coun ty attorney, was compelled to report his own son.

- The San Antonio Express ays the outlook for that city is very brilliant. The spring like weather has brought ac flower gardens are being array ed, houses cleaned and p and arrangements for new ings are being made. In the surrounding country farming erations are active.

- Detective Tack Dungan ha just succeeded in arresting Mitch der the Davis reign. He is charged with the murder of Apolewhite, at Groesbeeck, about B years ago. There were rewards amounting to \$2,000 offered for his arrest, but he had succeeded in keeping out of the

-Emberry Cannon has been arrested in Wood county, c ed with having procured murder of sheriff Stark, of Rock wall county. Garner who was convicted to be hung June 1 1877, in company with his wife committed suicide on the sicht previous to the execution. His ed and several persons badly been by, E. Cannon, fured to